

# THE COLONNADE

GEORGIA COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## GC REACTS TO CAMPUS CARRY LEGISLATION See Page 3

Single Copies Free

September 27 - October 4, 2017

[gcsucolonnade.com](http://gcsucolonnade.com)

*Photo Courtesy of Emily Bryant*

Campus elevators out of date, pg. 4



GC student-athletes recognized, pg. 5

Birds, brews & bonds, pg. 7







VOLUME 94 | NO. 3

THE COLONNADE

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW  
LOGO ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

**FOLLOW US**



@THECOLONNADE



@THECOLONNADE



THE COLONNADE



**Bobcats Speak Out is online this week!**

**Scan the QR Code to visit our website and see  
what Bobcats are saying!**



## Editorial Board

Steven Walters .....	Editor-in-Chief
Emily McClure .....	News Editor
Isaiah Smith .....	Asst. News Editor
Chris Lambert .....	Sports Editor
Mary Kate Conner .....	A&L Editor
Gigi Nicholl .....	Asst. A&L Editor
Cedric Norris.....	PR Manager
Ada Montgomery .....	Digital Media Editor
Hope Mobley .....	Ad Sales Manager
Kristen Pack .....	Designer
Christina Smith .....	Faculty Advisor
Caroline Duckworth .....	Copy Editor
Amy McDonald .....	Web Editor

### AD DISCLAIMER

*\*All Opinion columns are the opinion of the columnist, not of The Colonnade.*

*The Colonnade is not responsible for any false advertising. We are not liable for any error in advertising to a greater extent than the cost of the space in which the item occurs. The Colonnade reserves the right to edit or reject any advertising copy submitted for publication. There is no guaranteed placement of ads. The Colonnade does not accept advertising concerning firearms nor guarantee ads concerning alcoholic beverages.*

### CORRECTIONS

If you feel anything we've printed or posted online has been reported in error, please send an email to [thegcsucolonnade@gmail.com](mailto:thegcsucolonnade@gmail.com)

### COPYRIGHTS

*All stories and photographs appearing in this issue and previous issues, unless otherwise noted, are copyrighted by The Colonnade.*

### CONTACT US

Office: MSU 128  
[thegcsucolonnade@gmail.com](mailto:thegcsucolonnade@gmail.com)  
[gcsucolonnade.com](http://gcsucolonnade.com)  
 Like us on Facebook:  
 The Colonnade  
 Twitter.com/GCSUnade  
 Instagram: thecolonnade

## GC still divided on campus carry legislation

Isaiah  
Smith  
Staff Writer

UPDATED - Since House Bill 250 was adopted in May, GC is doing its part to make sure students, faculty and staff on campus understand when and where they can carry weapons on campus.

"We have guidance from the board office for how to proceed with handling this," said Don Challis, GC's chief of police. "The interpretation of this bill is not ours. It comes from the board."

At the information session, Challis covered various areas of the new legislation and helped attendees understand when and where it is appropriate to carry concealed weapons on campus.

Permit holders are not allowed to carry in areas like athletic facilities, faculty offices and residence halls.

Classrooms with high school students are also off limits for students or staff members who wish to carry. Challis also said it is the permit holders' responsibility to check with the registrar's office to find out if it is legal for them to carry in each of their classrooms.

Along with this, Challis also informed session attendees what to do if they encounter someone carrying a weapon and feel unsafe.

"This hasn't happened yet, but if somebody is uncertain about a weapon in a classroom and calls us, we're going to ask what type of weapon is it, how's it being displayed and what the person with the weapon is doing," said Challis. "We want to focus on behaviors and not so much the presence of a weapon."

With GC's increased effort to make sure people know where they can carry on campus, Challis said the issue has not been as prevalent as many people thought it was going to be before the school year began.

"I don't know if there are more or fewer guns on campus this year. If there is a higher or lower number, I'd imagine the number is probably insignificant," said Challis. "Thus far, nobody has had an issue, and we haven't had anybody call in a complaint or concern."

But even though GC is doing its part to educate those on campus about the new bill, some faculty and students

still feel uneasy about the legislation.

"I don't think that guns are conducive to a campus environment where we come together and share knowledge in a peaceful and collegial environment," said Aran MacKinnon, chair of the history department. "Nothing in history says that more guns reduce violence. In fact, the opposite is true, as more guns means more people are likely to get hurt."

Hali Sofala-Jones, an English and rhetoric professor at GC, echoed MacKinnon's concern about the new legislation.

"I don't feel that it makes me any safer," said Sofala-Jones. "The bill hasn't impacted me personally yet, but I feel the idea for it is unnecessary."

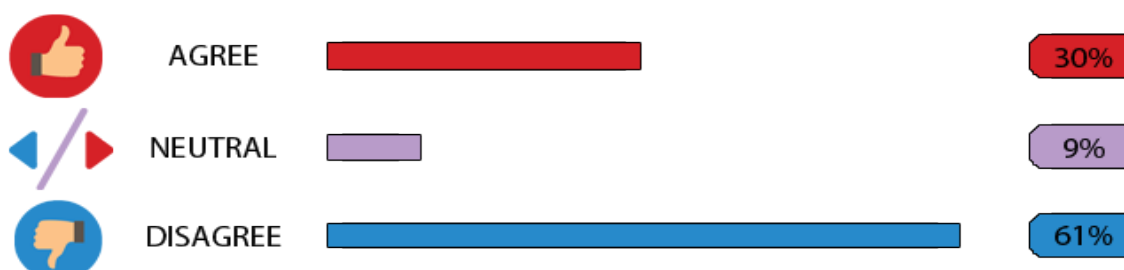
Steven Vick, a senior geography and rhetoric major, was also somewhat opposed to the bill for different reasons.

"I feel as though there are certain situations where having a gun on campus can lead to violence if someone gets upset in class or just has a bad day and decides to



More than  
**61%**

of GC students disagree with  
the campus carry law



Designed by Sean Montgomery

Statistics based off 100 students polled

wield a gun," Vick said. "I'm also against it because in power-based violence situations like abusive relationships, a person could use it to kill someone or force them into doing something they don't want to do."

Lauren Kirby, a senior liberal studies major, echoed Vick's sentiment, saying she feels threatened by strangers wielding guns on campus.

"In a situation where there would be an armed assailant, it would not be logical to add more guns to the situation," Kirby said, "because the people trying to help could make mistakes and other bystanders could be affected."

Despite apprehension from some, others on campus, like senior Alex Hammer, are not kicking against the new legislation.

"I think campus carry is a good idea," said Hammer, a management major. "It will be a deterrent to any possible active shooter."

Like Hammer, James Baugh, a math professor, has no problem with the new legislation, but he does not think its passage will bring major change at GC.

"In terms of impact, I think this bill will have zero impact, and it won't change much in terms of behavior," said Baugh. "The Constitution gives people the right to bear arms with the Second Amendment, so I'm for it. But I do think politicians should spend more time on other issues and not waste time with things like this because I don't think we'll see any change."

According to Challis, Baugh's belief about the bill having little impact on the campus has held true thus far in the school year.

"The reality of it is we have a very traditional aged student population," said Challis. "Most of our students are between 18 and 23, so we don't have a lot of students who are 21 who want a permit that actually get a permit and want to carry with all the hurdles they have to go through."

Even though some members of the GC community are firmly planted on both sides of the issue, there are still those who are not sure how to feel about the bill's implementation.

"I'm on the fence about it," said senior Eric Gould, a history and rhetoric major. "I feel like if someone wanted to bring a gun on campus, they would whether there is a law or not. But on the other hand, people would possibly be able to protect themselves if there were a shooter on campus."

Even with so many differing opinions about the bill on campus, Challis insisted that the issue has not been a big deal for anyone at GC this semester.

"From faculty, staff and students to registrar's office, nobody has had any issues so far," said Challis. "It's just not the issue that people thought it was going to be."



Emily Bryant / Staff Photographer

This GC senior says he would rather not be hiding in the bathroom if there is a shooter on campus.



# Milledgeville and GC campus elevators months behind on state inspections

**Austin May**  
*Contributing Writer*

Eight out of the nine elevators on Georgia College's campus and in the downtown Milledgeville area are at least four months behind on their mandatory inspections from the Georgia Department of Insurance and Fire Safety.

"This happens every year," said GC Maintenance Supervisor Coby Dixon. "We perform our monthly maintenance checks, and Thyssenkrupp has a technician on site at least once a week to address any problems that could happen."

The most recent state inspection at GC occurred in June 2017 after a new elevator was installed in Beeson Hall. However, most of the older elevators on campus have not been inspected in 13 months. Their inspection tags show an expiration date of May 2017.

"Safety inspector with the State Fire

Marshal's Office will begin inspecting campus elevators on Monday, Sept. 25," said Glenn Allen, spokesman for the Georgia Department of Insurance and Fire safety. "This process could take several days to complete."

One of the busiest elevators in Milledgeville, located in the Baldwin County Courthouse, has not been inspected since November 2015, almost two years ago.

As of Sept. 25, the elevator in Bell Hall, a residence hall located on GC's main campus, was last inspected in August 2016, and its inspection tag expired in May 2017. Senior Lauren Kirby, a liberal studies major and Bell Hall resident, said she noticed the inspection tag was expired when she came back to school at the beginning of the semester.

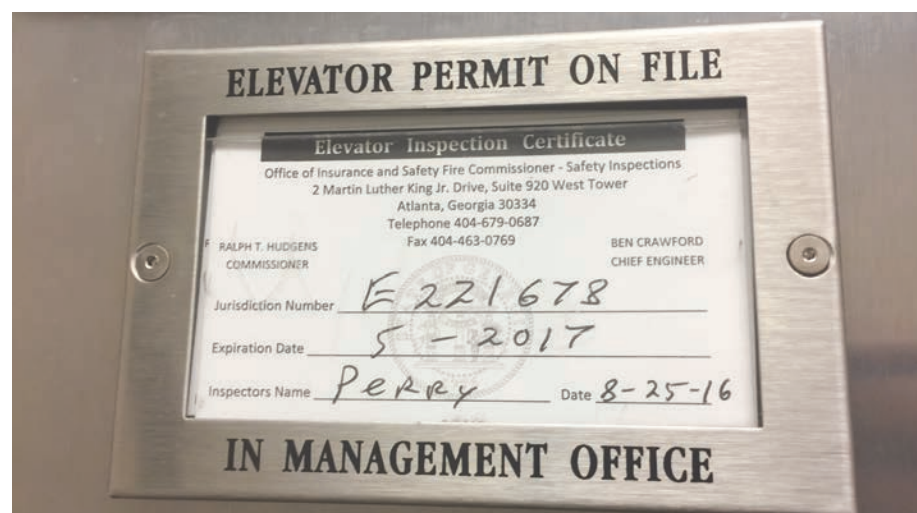
"It made me feel a little nervous because elevators that are not inspected regularly could be hazardous," Kirby said. "On a college campus and at a courthouse, you'd think they'd be more up-to-date and on top of things because they'd be concerned

about people's safety, especially students."

GC maintains its elevators and keeps up-to-date logs, but Georgia's Office of Insurance and Fire Safety is required to come by and double check that everything has been done properly. Each month, GC checks the state inspection tag and

performs a standard inspection, which includes checking the phone, testing the fire alarm and verifying the lights work.

"There's nothing to worry about safety-wise," Dixon said. "It usually takes around six months, sometimes up to a year, for them to inspect the elevators."



Emily McClure / Staff Photographer

*The inspection permit in Bell Hall's elevator expired in May 2017.*

# GC students explore opportunities abroad

**McKenzie Julian**  
*Staff Writer*

Georgia College students learned about current and future study abroad trips from both faculty and students during the Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

With over 20 tables and even more volunteers, the fair informed GC students about opportunities to travel and learn, funding sources available to them and other opportunities for after they graduate.

"The main purpose is to get the word out of all the different study abroad options that Georgia College has," said Assistant Director of Education Abroad Liz Havey. "We really try to highlight our programs that are led by our GC faculty."

The event ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Front Campus. Programs included trips to Ghana, Chile, Taiwan and Italy.

Students visiting tables of the different study abroad options heard stories from previous study abroad students, obtained information from faculty and signed up to receive more information.

While students must have completed two semesters at GC before studying abroad, most programs are open to all students. Programs such as a two-week



Bethany Straus / Staff Photographer

*Students peruse GC's international educational programs at the fair.*

trip to Ghana in 2018 offer courses for prospective 2nd-years as well as graduate students.

One of the first trips to Asia directly through GC takes place in the summer of 2018. Tsu-Ming Chiang, professor of psychological sciences, is leading a trip to Taiwan with Jenq-Foung Yao, a professor of computer science.

"This is just a totally unique and

different experience that [will] put our students in a more global sense and not just in a European influence," Chiang said. "There are African, Asian, all these influences that could give them a more well-rounded perspective."

Freshman Bim Peacock, undeclared, learned more about programs from Ghana and Italy, both of which he said interested him.

"I like going out and seeing different things," Peacock said. "It makes me curious. I think [the fair] definitely pushed me more toward doing that than a summer job."

The International Education Center hosts this fair every year. They also hold information sessions for students interested in learning more about studying abroad and financial aid resources every Monday through Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Bone House.

Faculty present at the fair said students gain more than just academic credit from these experiences. They get the chance to connect with a place, its people and its culture in meaningful ways beyond education.

"There's opportunity for a lot of growth and development and transformation to broaden our senses, our eyes, to see another part of the world," said Warren Hope, chair of the Department of Professional Learning and Innovation.

Hope, along with Chair of the Department of History and Geography Aran MacKinnon, is leading the Ghana trip in the summer of 2018.

"We're really privileged to be here on this beautiful campus in our little bubble in Milledgeville, but there's a whole big wide world out there that students can really benefit from," MacKinnon said.



## GC leads PBC with 51 athletes on academic list

**Chris Lambert**  
Sports Editor

Fifty-one Georgia College student athletes have been put on the Division 2 Athletics Directors Association Academic Achievement list. GC topped the list in the Peach Belt Conference, beating out the University of North Georgia, who had 47 award winners, and Flagler College, who had 42.

Junior Taylor Svehla was named on the list, along with five of her volleyball teammates. Svehla, a mathematics major, attributes her academic success to the culture established by the GC athletic administration.

"It's definitely not easy trying to balance practice, travel and schoolwork at the same time," Svehla said. "But the athletic department makes it known that academics are our first priority."

The list's standards were anything but easy, dictating that student-athletes must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above after two years of college-level work while being an active member of an intercollegiate team.

GC Assistant Athletic Director of Communications Al

Weston echoed Svehla's sentiments about the commitment to academic excellence being from "the top down."

"We as a department try to guide them to become productive academically, athletically and socially," Weston said.

Weston served as Sports Information Director for the Bobcats before moving to his current position, so he has first hand experience with the athletic department's strategy.

Very rarely do Division II athletes move on to professional careers in their sports, so Weston said the athletic department focuses more on creating a "well-rounded person who will be able to positively impact society."

The competitive nature that comes with being a collegiate athlete translates to the classroom as well.

Junior pitcher Bradley Spinner said, "I enjoy studying, and I enjoy playing baseball, and with whichever one I'm doing, I want to be the best and give it all I have."

GC competes at every level on the athletic department's academic, athletic and social scale, with teams constantly competing for conference championships, and some even making waves at national tournaments. The athletic department's commitment to academic excellence is



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer

*From left to right: Holland Coursey, Brad Spinner, Caroline Snider and Collin Silliman*

reinforced by the presence of athletes on the list from each of GC's 11 varsity sports.

Svehla summed up the commitment to academic excellence that pervades the athletic department. "I'm not happy or satisfied unless I put out my best work in any aspect, whether that be on the court or in the classroom," Svehla said.



BRICK • BLOCK • SAND • MORTAR

# J & J BRICK

SNELLVILLE • COVINGTON

770 923 9695 | 770 787 4347



2176 Oak Road  
Lawrenceville, GA  
jandjbrickmaterials.com

## GC tennis starts strong

**Kaylin Martinko**  
Staff Writer

With preseason beginning, both GC's men's and women's tennis teams are preparing to serve up a successful season.

"Every season is a little different," said Coach Steve Barsby. "For the girls, I'm hoping we can push our rankings back up. With the guys, there are so many new faces, so I'm excited to see who we are as a team and

what defines us. My goal for them all is to be good, nice people on campus and to do well in school."

Both teams have been working diligently in the offseason and preseason to get ready for the year ahead. The men's team has focused on endurance training with the prospect of long tournaments ahead. Their goal for the season is to make it to nationals and move up in their national ranking, which was in the

top 30 last year.

"The goal is to make it to the national tournament," said senior Pedro Ecenarro. "We always make it to regional, but since it's my last year, I really want to make it to Nationals. But we have to go step by step and work hard first."

*Continued on  
page 6...*



Photo Courtesy of GC Sports Information

*Senior Jena Kelly backhands the ball in a match on Saturday.*



*Continued from page 6...*

The women's team, on the other hand, is focusing primarily on unity as a team and conditioning, but they also aspire to compete at nationals this season.

"We're focusing on team goals," said senior Jena Kelly. "This season is definitely more goal-oriented."

"Team-wise, I'd say one of our first goals is to get to know each other's games on the court and hopefully win the Conference Tournament and go to nationals," said senior Emma Niemi.

Both teams have welcomed new, younger students to the team this year.

"For the past two years, no one graduated or transferred, so the team was always the same," said Ecenarro. "But since we have five or six new players this year, it's just a different environment on court."

"The women's team got three new players," Niemi said. "Two are from Spain, and one is from Germany. I'd say they're all key new players because they all came in strong. I think they're going to be great additions to our team."

According to Niemi, the returners are also a force to

be reckoned with.

"Jena Kelly, Kristen Jones, and myself, we are the returners," Niemi said. "We've played strong together for the past three seasons, so they'll be important in the team continuing to do well."

"The returners set the culture for the game," Coach Steve Barsby said. "They set the tone in practice and weights. They know what to expect. But the new players also bring new energy and new life to the team."

Tennis season begins in the spring, and the teams will continue to prepare and work hard throughout preseason.

## Women's cross country, Yost firing on all cylinders

**Graham Hill**  
*Staff Writer*

GC women's Cross Country team is off to a fast start in 2017, taking second place in each of their first two meets this season with dominant runner Katherine Yost taking first place in the individual portion of each race.

While running can be an individual challenge physically and mentally, the team focuses heavily on the importance of working together.

"It's definitely a team sport when it comes to working with someone because what you're able to do together is way greater than what you'll ever be able to do by yourself," said sophomore Grace Lynch.

Lynch went on to say how the freshmen have been a huge help pulling the team together and pushing them to even faster times in meets.

Third-year head coach Steven Cary boasted about how well-prepared his team was coming into the season.

"I think the ladies on the team this year took it upon themselves to do the training

over the summer," Cary said. "This year's women's team did an outstanding job."

Cary was also impressed with how well his team has been working together in the two early meets this season.

"Team chemistry right now is the best it's been," Cary said.

The coach said he was proud of the work his runners put in over the summer even with commitments like study abroad programs, mission trips and summer jobs. The team's hard work has significantly paid off as they are currently ranked 7th in the region.

The Bobcats will look to continue their success throughout the regular season and into the postseason, which is just four weeks away. Cary said the team will need to "maintain the same level of poise and focus that they have right now, throughout the rest of the season."

While it is still early in the season, the team has its sights set on a successful postseason. The team finished in 8th place in the conference for three consecutive seasons, then improved to sixth place in 2016, and will be looking to improve on that finish even more this season.

Redshirt senior Katherine Yost has been a big part of the success of the team, winning the first two races of the season, along the way crushing her own previous school 5k record time (18:49) by forty seconds (18:09). While Yost does incredible individual things at meets, her presence on the team also helps motivate the rest of the runners to strive for her level of success.

"It's really cool to be able to have

somebody like her on the team who is so humble about her abilities but at the same time is able to believe in you," Lynch said. "[It] gives you more belief in yourself when one of the best runners believes in you."

Cary said he is confident that the team will improve on last season's results and is hoping for a finish near the top of the conference and region.

Georgia College will host its annual Bobcat Invitational on Friday, October 6th.



Photo Courtesy of GC Sports Information

Senior Katherine Yost runs in a meet for the Bobcats

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE  
PRESENTS

OBIE AWARD PLAY ABOUT 50 BRIDES // BY CHARLES MEE // DIRECTED BY KATHY NEWMAN  
SEPT. 29-30 AND OCT. 2-3 AT 7:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY OCT. 1 AT 2 P.M.  
RUSSELL AUDITORIUM // FOR MATURE AUDIENCES

GC STUDENTS.....	\$5
SENIOR CITIZENS, GC FACULTY/STAFF, NON-GC STUDENTS.....	\$10
GENERAL.....	\$14

GCSTICKETS.COM // FOR INFO: 478-445-4226

GEORGIA COLLEGE  
GEORGIA'S PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

Season For  
CUBAN NIGHTS  
CABARETS  
AND DINA  
2017-2018





**Mary Kate  
Conner**  
*A&L Editor*

On a Friday afternoon in September, an unassuming beige brick building offers a misleading facade for the bustling business within.

Outside, it folds in with the rest of the downtown strip of businesses. Inside, someone orders a small mocha, a barista calls out a fogle chai latte, students sit hunched over tables with books and laptops splayed in front of them and friends chat, throwing their heads back in laughter.

Bailey Warr, manager and head roaster, stands at the helm of it all, prepping the espresso shot for the mocha and patiently calling out answers to my questions over the scream and hiss of the espresso machine.

This is an average day in Blackbird Coffee, a long-time stomping ground for many in the Milledgeville community since 2004. Warr said this is what it's all about.

"It's such a wide variety of people, it's very eclectic, and I like being able to provide that sense of community in the shop for the wider community as a whole," Warr said.

While many small businesses in downtown Milledgeville have come and gone, Blackbird has stuck around for 13 years. Warr says that even in slower seasons, their loyal clientele keep them going.

But patronage aside, Blackbird has friends in other places. The coffee shop has made a point to partner with other small local businesses over the years to provide support and leverage to people who are doing the same thing as them: trying to thrive as a small business catering to a small town.

Among them are local farm share program Babe + Sage and, most recently, Oconee Brewing Co. in Greensboro.

"A lot of these companies are small businesses, young and starting out fresh," Warr said. "We love to be able to provide a platform for people like Babe + Sage, and helping their business grow, because we support what they do."

Babe + Sage Farm provides farm share subscription boxes for the local community, with Blackbird as one of several pick-up locations in the Milledgeville-Eatonton area. Chelsea Losh-Jones, co-owner of Babe + Sage with her husband Bobby, said that it's a trade-off for the businesses involved, since their customers are spending time in those pick-up locations.

"For us it means that, because we farm outside the community, it's our link to the community," said Losh-

Jones. "It helps us reach customers that we wouldn't normally be able to reach. Having that physical location in many places in town allows us to do what we do."

While physical location plays a role for some partnered businesses, for others, it's about the product they produce together. Oconee Brewing Co., which just opened in May, began collaborating with Blackbird before the renovations on their 100-year-old brewery space were even finished. In late August, the brewery collaborated with Blackbird to combine a Guatemalan roast with a saison, a pale ale, called Bird in Barley. Warr said she hopes this was the first of many collaborations.

"Our hope is that the partnership will grow, and we can do more," Warr said. "This is just the beginning."

Taylor Lamm, co-owner of the brewery with Nathan McGarity, said that in the early days, it has been all about raising awareness nearby—from their homebase of Greensboro down to Milledgeville and now even up to Atlanta.

"We really focused local for the first couple of months," said Lamm. "At any restaurant or bar, whoever wanted our beer, we wanted to make sure they had the beer available first."

Staying local and keeping things in the small-town, rural Georgia family is working well for these businesses. Lamm said he believes that this could be a growing trend—and a positive sign for those in his place.

"I think people nowadays appreciate and seek out local products," Lamm said. "So the fact that these two local businesses can come together and incorporate two products that are just hyper local, I think that's kind of the trend now. People are drawn to local."

Lamm's predictions bring us back to the noisy and eclectic crowds of Blackbird—it's all about the people, the community.

Losh-Jones, who also runs the Green Market, a weekly Saturday farmers market in the Milledgeville Pavilion, said that it is a trade off between vendors and customers. More vendors will come if there are more customers, but there will be more customers if there are more vendors. But which must come first? How do they draw crowds to begin with?

Just as Lamm pointed out that people are drawn to local products, both Warr and Losh-Jones believe in the quality of the products they provide and how that itself can draw people in.

"Our passion for the product—not to just serve coffee, but to serve good coffee, not coffee from somewhere else but from here—that kind of sets us apart," said Warr. "And think that over the years we were kind of able to hone in on our coffee knowledge and perfecting the product."

For the Green Market and Babe + Sage, the quality of the product is also at the heart of their work.

"I think the Green Market is a place where you can come shop and you know what you're getting, and you know your farmers feel connected to them and the land in a way," Losh-Jones said. "We're really passionate about feeding people good food."

So they have the products that draw crowds. Now how do they keep business going day-to-day?

"The key is customers and community," said Losh-Jones. "For people to come every week and make it a part of their Saturday."

Erin Dickman, a barista at Blackbird who also runs the shop's social media platforms, said she believes community is the only reason they're around at all.

"The community allows us to see more than what we're used to," Dickman said. "As a barista behind the bar, I'm able to come into contact with new people everyday, expand that possibility for empathy, understand people's troubles or happiness."

Warr added that this kind of behind-the-bar service is an attractive quality for a shop in a small town.

"Most days, I think it's pretty apparent that the people who work here really enjoy working here and enjoy serving the community," Warr said. "I'm excited to come to work every day. That's not always the case."

For Dickman, the sheer variety of people that come into the shop can be attractive, making her job that much more interesting.

"Blackbird has molded itself into this place where people can either be productive or hang out and relax," Dickman said. "It's almost like a neutral ground. You can see anyone walk in, all types of people, and you spark up a conversation with them, and they'll be happy to tell you their story as you get their coffee."

It's another trade-off: small business in a small town curates a sense of community within the shop, and in return, the community is happy to come again and again in support of what they're offered. The two constantly lift one another up in unspoken partnership.



# NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

**Rayna Perry**  
Staff Writer

Downtown Milledgeville has been busy welcoming some newcomers in recent months, as three new businesses now line the downtown streets students know and love.

Cravings, a new addition to Hancock Street, is a family-owned sandwich shop offering a variety of salads, sandwiches, and soups. The Pez family opened their shop last June, striving to bring something different to Milledgeville locals and students, and they are the only restaurant in the city to offer bubble tea.

"We have student-friendly prices," said owner Jhing Pez. "We also don't have anything fried, so it's a great option downtown."

Georgia College students have already begun to frequent Cravings, like seniors James Ja and Shannon Stephenson.

"My favorite is the Thai Spice bubble tea," said Ja, a chemistry major. "It's the actual proper bubble tea."

"And the breakfast sandwiches," adds Stephenson, also a chemistry major. "They have really good breakfast sandwiches."

With healthier options and bubble tea punch cards, Cravings is a new place for Bobcats to eat, study, and hang out.

Across the street, near the campus

bookstore, is Firefly, a new boutique featuring upscale clothing and accessory brands such as Free People. Owner Amber Patitucci opened the boutique at the beginning of September.

"I love the downtown environment," Patitucci said. "We've had a very positive response from our customers."

Georgia College students can be found exploring the store among the racks of rompers and tree-shaped jewelry displays.

Freshman Cate Crowe, an English major, was impressed upon first visiting Firefly.

"It seems like Milledgeville doesn't have a lot of places like this," Crowe said. "It's really cute."

Freshman Abbey Reber, a biology major, agreed.

"It's very organized and seems more high-end than other stores," Reber said when asked about her first impression.

As students become familiar with downtown's new addition, Amber Patitucci hopes Firefly will have a positive influence on the community by creating a new shopping opportunity for Milledgeville to enjoy.

Around the corner on N. Wayne Street, Georgia College's own Susan Bergeron has opened up Milledgeville's newest art studio. Not only is she a permanent fixture



Bethany Straus / Staff Photographer

*Jhing Pez stands in his new family-owned shop, Cravings.*

at the Innovation Station, but this past June she turned her passion into a business by opening Mod Podge Mama.

The studio offers something for everyone, regardless of age or skill level, such as pottery painting sessions, children's art workshops, and Nerdy Night Paint Parties, which include Game of Thrones and Harry Potter themes. Bergeron has enjoyed seeing how Mod Podge Mama has taken off these past few months.

"The classes give regular people a chance to create art," Bergeron said. "And not only do people create something,

they're creating memories, which is just as important."

Bergeron said she hopes that Mod Podge Mama will provide a creative outlet for the Milledgeville community. Georgia College students can attend a class or event as an out-of-the-ordinary weekend activity or to simply to flex those creative muscles.

With the new semester in full swing, Bobcats can support these new local businesses to update their wardrobes, try out some bubble tea and get creative with art classes.



## DREW HOLCOMB & THE NEIGHBORS

STUDENTS USE PROMO CODE "COLLEGE" FOR \$15 TICKETS!

**WHEN: 9/29**  
**TIME: 8 PM**





## J RODDY WALSTON AND THE BUSINESS

W/ THE ARTISANALS

**10/13/17**  
**MUSIC: 8 PM**

